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SUBJECT: 8 FEBRUARY MEETING WITH IDEN

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE. FYI ONLY.

2. FOR THE RECORD - AFTERNOON OF 8 FEBRUARY, DCI NAZI AND  
JAPANESE WAR CRIMES TASK FORCE OFFICERS [ ] AND [ ]  
[ ] MET WITH FORMER SVR OFFICER IDEN AT [ ]  
FBI WFO WAS AWARE OF [ ] PLAN TO CONTACT IDEN. PURPOSE OF  
THE MEETING WAS TO EXPLORE IDEN'S HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE OF KGB  
EFFORTS AGAINST THE GEHLEN ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS IDEN'S  
KNOWLEDGE OF KGB FILES ON RAOUL WALLENBERG AND KURT WALDHEIM.  
IDEN'S COMMENTS FOLLOW:

A. GEHLEN ORGANIZATION - THERE WAS A KGB ACTIVE MEASURES  
EFFORT AGAINST GEHLEN DESIGNED TO SEW DISTRUST BETWEEN THE U.S.,  
ITS ALLIES AND WEST GERMANY. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WAS GENUINE  
DISGUST ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS THAT THE U.S. WOULD ALLY ITSELF  
WITH THE NAZI REGIME (IN THE FORM OF THE GEHLEN ORGANIZATION) AND  
WORK WITH THE SAME PEOPLE WHO HAD TRIED TO DESTROY THE SOVIET  
UNION. IDEN WAS SPECIFICALLY INVOLVED WITH AN ACTIVE MEASURES  
CAMPAIGN USING THE BOOK 'HEUSINGER AND THE THIRD REICH'. PURPOSE  
OF THE ACTIVITY WAS TO SHOW HOW THE U.S. WAS USING GERMAN WAR  
CRIMINALS. THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK WAS A KGB AGENT AND IDEN  
PROVIDED THE AUTHOR WITH MATERIALS FROM MOSCOW TO BE INCLUDED IN  
THE BOOK. IDEN HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING FELFE OR OTHER KGB

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EFFORTS TO INFILTRATE THE GEHLEN ORGANIZATION. HE WAS AWARE THAT THE KGB INITIATED MANY STORIES TO INDICATE THAT THE U.S. WAS AIDING WAR CRIMINALS. IDEN DID ADD THAT THERE IS A MULTI-VOLUME 'HISTORY OF THE KGB' WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY PROVIDE INTERESTING INSIGHTS REGARDING THE KGB'S WORLD WAR II ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE GERMANS AND, BY EXTENSION, DURING THE POST-WAR ERA.

B. NAZI WAR CRIMINALS - THE KGB HAD FULL LISTS OF EVERY SOVIET WHO WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE COLLABORATED WITH THE NAZIS. IDEN NOTED THAT THE KGB WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO TRACK THESE PEOPLE DOWN AND, IN AT LEAST ONE INSTANCE, USED INFORMATION THEY HAD ABOUT AN UNNAMED SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL TO TRY AND BLACKMAIL HIM INTO COOPERATING WITH THE KGB. KGB OFFICER VLADIMIR MECHULAYEV MADE THE PITCH TO THAT OFFICIAL. HOWEVER, THE PITCH WHICH WAS REPORTED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY BY THE INDIVIDUAL. THE KGB THEN PUBLISHED A 'WHITE BOOK' ABOUT THE U.S. OFFICIAL'S NAZI COLLABORATING PAST. IDEN ADDED THAT SIMILAR EFFORTS WERE MADE AGAINST EAST EUROPEANS (PARTICULARLY UKRAINIANS), WHO HAD WAR CRIMINAL PASTS, AND WHO EMIGRATED TO THE U.S. UNDER ASSUMED NAMES.

C. WALDHEIM - PER IDEN, THE KGB HAD INFORMATION THAT WALDHEIM WAS A NAZI COLLABORATOR. HOWEVER, THE KGB NEVER USED THIS IN A BLACKMAIL ATTEMPT. THERE WERE TWO REASONS FOR THIS. FIRST, THEY HAD A MAN IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH WALDHEIM AND, IN ESSENCE, THEY GOT WHAT THEY NEEDED FROM THAT ASSOCIATION. SECONDLY, THE INFORMATION REGARDING WALDHEIM LEAKED BEFORE THEY COULD EVER TAKE ANY ACTION.

D. WALLENBERG - PER IDEN, HE WAS AWARE THAT WALLENBERG WAS SHOT IN 1947 AND BECAME AWARE OF THIS INFORMATION IN THE 1970'S. WHEN ASKED FOR THE REASON, IDEN SAID THAT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO RELEASE HIM FROM A SOVIET CAMP AND, AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS A BAD IDEA TO KEEP HIM INCARCERATED. SO, THEY SHOT HIM. IDEN ADDED THAT IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF MANY WHO WERE SHOT IN THIS MANNER --NOTHING MORE. WHEN ASKED WHY THE DIFFERENT STORIES ON HIS FATE, IDEN ADVISED THAT DURING THE 70'S SENIOR KGB LEADERSHIP WANTED TO 'CLEAN UP THE IMAGE' OF THE KGB AND ITS PREDECESSOR AGENCIES. AS SUCH, THERE WERE INSTRUCTIONS TO CLOUD THE ISSUE OF DEATHS. SOMETIMES REPORT THEY DIED OF A HEART ATTACK, SOMETIMES OF CANCER, ETC. THUS, THE REASON THAT WALLENBERG'S DEATH HAS BEEN REPORTED IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

E. FSB ARCHIVES - WHEN ASKED WHETHER OR NOT HE BELIEVED THE CURRENT FSB LEADERSHIP WOULD ALLOW U.S. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS ACCESS TO THE WAR CRIMINAL DOCUMENTS, IDEN ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT EVEN KNOW IF THE FILES STILL EXISTED. HE ADDED THAT THE RUSSIAN EFFORT TO LOCATE WAR CRIMINALS HAD CEASED SOME TIME AGO BUT, QUITE FRANKLY, IT WOULD NOT HURT TO GIVE IT A TRY.

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